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**2023\_2 EXAMINATIONS—**

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**COURSE CODE:** ENG 352  
**COURSE TITLE:** DISCOURSE ANALYSIS  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Write short notes on the following pragmatic concepts:

- a) Presupposition (4½ marks)
- b) Entailment (4 marks)
- c) Deixis (5 marks)
- d) Implicature (4 marks)

(17½/45 minutes)

2. (a) Explain the notion of felicity conditions. (3 marks)

(b) Briefly explain Grice's cooperative principles. (4½ marks)

(c) Read the following conversations, identify the maxims and discuss the ways in which they have been violated. (10 marks)

(17½/45 minutes)

1. A telephone conversation between husband and wife.

Husband: Hello Sola, you are negative

Wife (speaking with a rising tone): You are irresponsible, difficult to live with, erratic and incorrigible.

Husband: I meant your covid-19 result is negative.

Wife: Oh, sorry.

2. An exchange between a seller and a buyer.

Seller: Oga, buy this shirt. It is made in UK. Look at the tag on it. I can't lie to you.

Buyer: Are you sure? The seams are poorly sewn. The tag does not look genuine. I don't think this shirt is made in the UK.